

SENATE, NO. 2262

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND AND NINE

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ANTIQUE BAROMETERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,

And by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of chapter 21H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “devices”, in line 108, the
3 following words:- , antique barometers, mercury thermometers, and clocks that were
4 manufactured before 1955.

5 **SECTION 2.** Section 6D of said chapter 21H, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
6 inserting after the word “barometers”, in line 5, the following words:- , except for antique

7 barometers, including those with attached mercury thermometers, that were manufactured before
8 1955.

9 **SECTION 3.** Section 6K of said chapter 21H, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
10 adding the following subsection:- (f) A person who sells an antique that contains mercury shall
11 clearly inform the purchaser in writing of the following at the time of sale: (1) that the antique
12 contains mercury, (2) that mercury is a hazardous substance, (3) that mercury is regulated by
13 federal and state law, and (4) the proper and commercially available methods for disposal and
14 recycling of the antique.

15 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect upon passage.